



“How many more attacks does the government want so that it finally says, ‘Please stop now. We will protect you’?” - Rohit Kamat

Close to home



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Pinakin Sukhtankar discusses the Mumbai Terrorist attacks with **Shweta Gopalakrishman** and **Sheelu Varvhese** Monday night. The terrorist attacks in India have influenced students to raise awareness to the continuous threats to India's government.

Indian students discuss hometown connections to Mumbai terrorist attacks

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

While most students spent Thanksgiving break eating turkey and pumpkin pie, a small group of students from the Mumbai, India, area spent the break in front of their TVs and computers, praying their loved ones at home were OK after a terrorist attack engulfed the city.

The attacks lasted from Nov. 26-28 for 60 hours and were centered around two luxury hotels, one of the busiest railway stations in India and other landmarks in an affluent section of Mumbai, a city that boasts Bollywood - India's Hollywood - and the largest financial institutions in India. One student described the city, which has close to 17 million people and also is formerly known as Bombay, as a combination of New York and Los Angeles.

As of Tuesday, the death toll after the coordinated attacks reached close to 200 people, including tourists from all over the world. So far, the signs point to a group of militants trained in Pakistan as the attackers, but the Pakistani government has pledged to offer assistance in India's investigation into who is responsible.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Four of the more than 200 Indian students in the Indian Student Association at K-State are from Mumbai.

A few of those who died in Mumbai went to school with Pinakin Sukhtankar, graduate student in biochemistry. Sukhtankar, who grew up about 10 minutes from where the attacks were centered, said he frequented the two hotels - the Taj Mahal Hotel and the Oberoi-Trident Hotel - often.

“I have not really been able to

make personal contact with the families of the friends I've lost or of [my former doctor], but I'm sure there is a lot of anger in the city right now,” Sukhtankar said. “... This is not the first time we have had a terrorist attack in Bombay.”

Sheelu Verghese, doctoral student in chemistry, said her father works at the Oberoi-Trident Hotel and was scheduled to work that night, but he decided to leave work early. Many of the people he worked with were killed in the attacks.

“For three days, I was really not well,” Verghese said. “And then finally, my dad said everything was back to normal, and he was going back to work. But still, there was kind of a fear in me, and I was telling him, ‘Please, don't go to work. Quit the job and sit at home.’ But he said, ‘No, you can't do that.’”

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Check out our Web site for extra video coverage of local Mumbai residents.

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WinterDance production to feature variety of student, faculty works

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For many K-State students and faculty, the winter season conjures up memorable traditions, including the end of the school semester, Christmas shopping and New Year's Eve celebrations.

But while most are preparing for finals and the holiday season, a select group of students and staff have focused their attention to something a little different.

“WinterDance is really famous for having a lot of different types of dance in it,” said Annie Tipton, senior in mechanical engineering. “I think this year, everyone did a little bit different dances than they usually do.”

Tipton, who is performing in two selections of the production, said the faculty choreographers arranged dances that are fresh to the production.

“Our ballet teacher did a little bit more contemporary dance, and our tap teacher did a funk piece, which hasn't been put in WinterDance in a long time,” she said. “We try to make it so everyone enjoys the show.”

The show features a total of 12 selections that include a variety of dance styles - including tap dance, ballet and jazz. Neil Dunn, instructor of communication, theater and dance, and WinterDance coordinator, said all of the choreography is the original work of staff and students.

“[WinterDance] is our fall faculty concert,” Dunn said.

“It consists mostly of faculty



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Michelle Dick anxiously awaits a mask delivered by Melissa Porter as part of the dance “Flight of the Loops Cuckoo,” choreographed by Autumn Scoggan during the rehearsal for WinterDance in Nichols Theatre Tuesday.

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Comedy Central star to perform for HIV awareness week

By Eden Lehr
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Comedy Central comedian Jade Esteban Estrada will perform “A Lullaby for Ryan: The History of HIV/AIDS in America” at 7 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

“A Lullaby for Ryan” incorporates comedy with a tribute to Ryan White, said Nancy Muturi, assistant professor in journalism. White was an American teenager who became an HIV/AIDS poster child in the 1980s when he was expelled from school because of his disease, which he contracted from a contaminated blood treatment.

The A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications and the Regional AIDS project in Manhattan worked together to bring Estrada to K-State for HIV/AIDS awareness week, Muturi said. The public relations campaigns class, taught by Muturi, has promoted the event.

Muturi said Estrada's method is particularly interesting because he uses entertainment-education in his shows.

“He uses comedy to educate people about HIV/AIDS,” Muturi said. “That approach is appealing, particularly to young people. [The audience] is entertained and at the same time learning.”

His performance is in observance of the 21st-annual World AIDS Day - introduced in December 1988 as the first international health day - and the week of events surrounding it. Every year, this world campaign creates awareness about the HIV virus and helps bring about change.

For more information, visit www.worldaidsday.org.

According to Estrada's official Web site, www.getjaded.com, Estrada is described as “a cross between Andy Warhol and Billy Graham” and a “master entertainer” by his critics and peers around the world.

Estrada has appeared on Comedy Central's “The Graham Norton Effect,” NBC's “30 Rock” and “Friday Night Lights” and has headlined concerts and clubs around the world. He has released several Latin pop CDs, documentaries and shows featuring homosexuals and has won several awards for his comedy and music.

Admission to the show is free, and Estrada will sign autographs following the event.

Muturi said the show will be worthwhile.

“This disease can affect anyone,” she said, “and we really want people to come participate, learn and be entertained by this event and other events during World AIDS Week.”

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TURDUCKEN?

YEAH. IT'S A DUCK, STUFFED INSIDE A CHICKEN, STUFFED INSIDE A TURKEY.

IT ISN'T A TRUE HOLIDAY BLOODFEAST UNLESS I KNOW THAT AT LEAST 15 SEPARATE ANIMALS DIED IN ORDER FOR ME TO HAVE ONE MEAL.

SOUNDS INTERESTING.

YEAH... IT'S THE ONE MEAL A YEAR WHERE THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME FEEL BOTH HUNGRY AND HORNY.

Doesn't 'dec' mean 10?

Why is December the 12th month and not the 10th, and October the eighth, etc.?

The name of the 12th month is derived from Latin, and represented the 10th and final month of the year. The name was kept when adopted into the Gregorian calendar and was observed at the same time of year. After December, the Romans did not record months during the winter period of January and February.

It is also the month with the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and

the longest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. December always starts on the same day of the week as September.

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Quintilis (31 days)	December (30 days)

THE BLOTTER ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

MONDAY

Carolyn Kathleen Burch, Fort Riley, was arrested at 10:15 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Heleno Cano-Guzman, 1702 Fair Lane, No. 26, was arrested at 1 p.m. for identity theft and transporting open liquor containers. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Gabino Neri-Cruz, Lawrence, was arrested at 1 p.m. for identity theft and unlawful acts relating to possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulants. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Melody J. Marquez, 3010 Brookville Drive, was arrested at 2:43 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Shawn Lee Sime, 3010 Brookville Drive, was arrested at 2:43 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Thomas William Puett Jr., 113 N. Juliette Ave., was arrested at 7 p.m. for failure to appear, theft and worthless check. Bond was set at \$1,250.

Thomas William Puett Jr., 113 N. Juliette Ave., was arrested at 9:45 p.m. for worthless check. Bond was set at \$193.32.



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Jianghai Xia, senior scientist for the Kansas Geological Survey, will give the lecture, "High-frequency Rayleigh-wave Method," at 4 p.m. today in Thompson 213 as part of the Geology Seminar Series. Refreshments will be provided.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Oksana Tkachuk at 1 p.m. Thursday in Nichols 232.

German Vargas Orozco will have a research proposal seminar at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Waters 129 as part of an entomology department seminar series. Snacks and coffee will be served at 1 p.m.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ke Zhang at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Bluemont 122.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Amadou Seck at 2 p.m. Dec. 8 in Throckmorton 4026.

The K-State Orchestra will have a concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in McCain Auditorium. The concert also will feature K-State Choirs and ballet and tap dancers, as well as solo performances. Admission is free, but a freewill donation will be taken for former principal horn player Sharyn Worcester's medical expenses.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in Tuesday's Collegian. The cost of HIV testing at Lafene Health Center is \$25. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Jacques Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail collegian@spub.ksu.edu.

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Graphic design class aids in developing K-State PROUD logo

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State PROUD campaign is built on its slogan of “Students helping students.” For students in one class, the opportunity takes on another meaning.

Matrix Studio: Professional Business Practices, an upper-level graphic design course, has designed the logo for the campaign since its inception. As part of the course, students offer graphic design assistance to interested entities around campus and in the nonprofit sector.

Each student presents a design to the organization before a winner is selected. The organization gives \$100 to the winning designer for their efforts.

Tom Bookwalter, art instructor, said the relationship between the KSU Foundation and the class began with handling the foundation’s greeting cards that are sent to donors.

“I guess word just kind of gets around that we are available here,” he said. “It’s really good, professional experience for my students.”

On Nov. 23, the class presented its designs to representatives from the Foundation for this year’s logo. Each presentation included the logo on a T-shirt, incorporated with a “specialty item.”

Katelyn Carson, senior in graphic design, chose a cosy because of affordability and travel friendliness. After the presentations, a collaborative selection process occurs.

Amber Weaver, development publications coordinator for the foundation, said graphic designers from the Foundation and the Student Foundation members, along with members of the PROUD Advisory Board, select a logo that will best fit the campaign. The selection process involves many aspects.

“Since K-State PROUD is a student campaign, we first look at what is appealing to students and what is not gender-biased,” she said. “We, of course, look for solid fundamentals of graphic design too.”

Designs varied from military-themed to Carson’s “grunge” theme.

Katie Niederee, junior in life sciences and co-chair of the PROUD campaign, said it’s important to involve stu-



Robyn Bramlage, senior in graphic design, presents one of her K-State PROUD T-shirt designs to **Amber Weaver**, development publications coordinator for the KSU Foundation, in her professional business practices class.

dents in the design process for the logo.

“It helps to give students who may not have even heard about K-State PROUD ownership in the campaign,” she said. “K-State PROUD is about students helping students, and because our students are designing the logo, they are contributing to the campaign in a unique way.”

The PROUD campaign is a student-led philanthropic initiative. Donations go toward two different types of awards

– the K-State PROUD Award and the K-State Hero Award.

The K-State PROUD Award is designed to benefit students who exhausted all other forms of financial assistance, Niederee said. Nominations are accepted from students and faculty, and awards are distributed year-round.

The K-State Hero Awards recognize students who made a significant commitment at K-State through campus leadership, community service or other areas of student life.

City commission shows support for early education at Day care

By Brandon Steinert
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan Day Care and Learning Centers is one step closer to securing three more years of service after the city commission passed an allocation 4-0-0 Tuesday night during the city commission meeting at City Hall.

Commissioners also passed two rezoning items.

The item passed authorizes MDCLC to receive \$100,000 to be allocated in even increments over the next three years.

The new allocation is part of a sustainability plan to keep the day care open for a further three years.

Another \$200,000 is needed and is planned to come from matched donations by private donors and existing support, as well as a new fee model.

In addition to covering operating costs, some of the money will be allocated toward a new facility.

MDCLC could have closed permanently if the com-

mission had not taken action.

During an early November meeting, the center was authorized early access to its 2009 social services advisory board allocation of \$65,000 just to keep its doors open through the end of 2008, and when the center lost its cook, teachers had to step in and take turns cooking instead of hiring a new employee.

“I certainly will support this because I believe the community cannot afford to see the closure of Manhattan Day Care and Learning Center at this time,” Commissioner Bruce Snead said. “[This] is the most viable strategy because not one of those entities could bear the burden alone.”

Commissioner Bob Strawn was concerned with the amount of tax-payers’ money being used to keep the center open, which currently serves about 58 children, about 25 of whom need financial assistance.

He suggested the money be allocated in the form of a forgivable loan or no-interest

loan to encourage the day care to be self-sustaining.

“I want it to work, but I want it to work in such a way that it’s stable in three years,” Strawn said.

The other two items commissioners approved involved rezoning lots south of Tecumseh Road and north of College View Road.

The space will be rezoned to a residential planned unit development district. The PUD will consist of a twelve-unit apartment building and an existing two-family duplex unit.

Some citizens and the commissioners were concerned about increased flow of stormwater through the area.

Rob Ott, city engineer, assured them the increase would be small.

Concerns about parking were also raised because the parking lot for the new apartment complex would not allow enough parking, which would spill over into the surrounding neighborhood.

The items passed 4-0-0.

Students to speak about KSU, issues affecting the university

By Sydney Eagleton
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students who want to make a difference at K-State will give persuasive speeches from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in Nichols Theater.

“It’s based on the premise that democracy in action is a contact sport,” said Phil Anderson, who instructs the Public Speaking 2 class that wrote the speeches.

Of the two Public Speaking 2 classes, six students were chosen to deliver their persuasive speeches on issues facing the K-State community.

Class members chose the six students based on whose speeches they found to be most effective, Anderson said.

Though he did not have a say in whose speeches were chosen, Anderson said he approved of the speeches selected.

Students chose topics they thought were important to K-State, and conducted research and interviews before writing the speeches that were then delivered to the class.

The assignment was based on the idea that, as students, it is their obligation to find something

they would like to improve and take action to make those improvements, Anderson said.

The six speeches to be given are: “KSU campus security woefully lacking: I’m frightened!” by Rebecca Pierson, junior in business management; “Place a prominent reminder for renter’s insurance in the undergrad catalog!” by Matt Carlson, sophomore in business management; “Stop online defamation: ban JuicyCampus.com from KSU network!” by Robert Cillissen, junior in finance; “Stop the financial crisis: student teachers need monetary compensation!” by Josh Moore, junior in secondary education; “End Manhattan discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity!” by Jessica Schneider, senior in marketing; and “Fix it: path on the north side of Memorial Stadium is a disgrace!” by Josh Beverlin, senior in management information systems.

Each speech will last less than 10 minutes with a question-and-answer session following each speech, said Marcus Cooper, event moderator and teacher’s assistant for the class.

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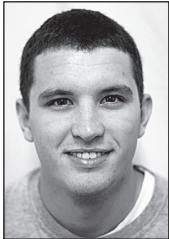
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Double trouble

Sen. Clinton's husband could affect her new job



TIM HADACHEK

It is said that the more things change, the more they stay the same. It is no surprise, then, that President-elect Barack Obama picked Hillary Clinton to be his secretary of state. After a campaign centered on the "change" mantra, Obama picked "more of the same" to be the nation's top foreign official. And don't forget Joe "Six-term Senator" Biden is the VP. Actually, on paper, Hillary is very qualified to head up the State Department. Her experiences as the first lady and as a senator allowed her to travel and meet with heads of state. She is smart on policy, and perhaps most important of all, she is well-respected in most parts of the world. On paper. In the real world, however, Hillary is burdened by the curse and blessing of her husband, Bill. On one hand, Hillary would not be where she is today if she hadn't married a future president. On the other, Bill appears to still carry the lack of restraint that led to his impeachment. For example, compare the presidential campaigns of Obama and Clinton. Obama's campaign was airtight; if there was internal conflict, we certainly didn't hear about it.

Some reporters even nicknamed him Barack "NoDrama." Clinton's campaign, by contrast, had more leaks than an old faucet. The Clinton camp might as well have invited the New York Times every time a senior adviser was fired. Often, these snippets of info took the form of a Hillary aid criticizing Bill for being reckless and uncontrollable. Why should we expect Clinton's gig as Secretary of State to be any different? More than any other cabinet official, it is crucial that the president and Secretary of State are on the same page. Foreign officials need to know what they hear from the State Department is the same as what they would hear from President Obama himself. There is no room for political maneuvering in foreign policy. Hillary and Bill are usually viewed as one political entity – and not without reason. So by default, the world will view anything that Bill says as what Hillary believes. If Bill says anything controversial at one of his many speaking engagements, it will undermine the country in the same way as if the secretary herself had said it. Obama has said he wants to assemble a "cabinet of rivals" in the same spirit as his hero Abe Lincoln. Indeed, there is much to be said for avoiding the current administration's case of groupthink – it's important to have different types of people advising you. But Lincoln's style is not one to be modeled. Civil War historian Chris Pinsker said Lincoln's cabinet "nearly destroyed the president" and that they were a "plotting, feuding



Art by Christina Klein | COLLEGIAN

bunch." He also relates the story of Treasury Secretary Salmon Chase, who believed he was more qualified to be President than Lincoln. Sound familiar? Pinsker concludes by saying, "Lincoln was a political genius, but his model for cabinet-building should stand more as a cautionary tale than as a leadership manual." Clinton is a qualified candidate for the secretary of state job, but her

husband's baggage and her personal dramas will undermine the United States' effectiveness around the world.

Tim Hadachek is a junior in political science. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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Time travel is possible. Just go faster than light.

Is Bush's presidential library going to be a children's library?

Anyone catch the Kansas-Missouri game? That's a real rivalry. Take note, K-State.

Even the comic strip in the paper is about KU? Get a life, K-State.

I bet you a roll of quarters that Obama is not a citizen.

To the walk-in night math tutor: I have a secret crush on you.

The anthro club's next survey should be about how many people have made out in the Hale Library stacks.

I'm glad I found somebody who shares my love of elf culture.

I swear, I'm really not stalking you.

To the really cute guy in my physical anthropology class: when are you going to ask me out?

So this crazy lady working at Wal-Mart just chased us out because she thought we were stealing a Collegian, even though they're free.

Wal-Mart just tried to charge me for a Collegian.

I just had to crawl back into the depths of Narnia to get a case of water today.

Hey, John, the next time you're tutoring in the dark, let's literally be in the dark.

What the French, toast?

Hello, yes, Collegian? Fourum? I just saw two people run by in the library. One was wearing a banana costume, and one was wearing a gorilla costume.

I'm walking home at 2 a.m. by myself, and it's cold. Not fun.

It's not illegal to have phone sex with your sister. It's just disgusting.

Adam Pham, the Student Senate needs Prozac because the members are insane.

To the Tuesday runner girl in the Union: your balls are bigger than mine.

Does anyone have Tyler's number? I've got to give it to this one girl who already has a boyfriend.

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Bad things may require a little thanksgiving



JESSICA ULRICH

It has already been almost a week since Thanksgiving. Hopefully, we all enjoyed the break from school, the time with family and the chance to eat (too much) good food and relax with a book or an Xbox controller. Perhaps we called friends to tell them how much they mean to us or made mental lists of the things we are grateful for. Chances are, however, that something important, something we might never think to be thankful for, was left off of those lists – the Bad Things. The Bad Things are those horrible occurrences

in our lives: the bombed tests, the breakups, the blizzards (the icy snow kind, not the cookie-dough kind), which make us wish we were someone else in an alternate universe where problems have yet to be released from Pandora's Box. The Bad Things are painful. They mess up our plans; they rearrange our futures. On the surface, it doesn't make sense to be thankful for something so disruptive and undesirable. But as ridiculous as it might sound, the Bad Things in life are often the reason that a multitude of good things occur. For example, when a child grabs a tray of cookies fresh from the oven, he receives a deep burn, a Bad Thing. His hand feels like a million bees stung it at the same time, his mother is furious that he didn't stay away from the tray like she told him to, and he still hasn't gotten the cookie that he wanted.

But at the same time, the child has learned valuable lessons about the nature of hot metal and obedience to his mother. In the same way, Bad Things that happen in our lives can teach us about the world around us and help us become better people.

A 52 percent on a physics exam can force us to develop better study habits. Betrayal by a friend teaches us to be selective in trusting people. We get spit on by a llama – we learn to step back before we make fun of his ears. In these cases, it might

be tempting to act like the child and simply get angry about our throbbing hand, but a more mature and beneficial reaction is to look at what has happened to us and learn from it. Even the worst Bad Things often serve to intensify the realization of the good things we do have. The death of a loved one can make us realize how supportive our friends and family are. A house fire can help us appreciate the little material things we take for granted. And most of all, making it through a tough time can show us we are stronger than we ever imagined. In the end, the experience, character and knowledge we gain from the Bad Things in life are worth more than a little thanks.



Art by Christina Klein COLLEGIAN

Travelers should not be intimidated by attacks, still take advantage of experiencing culture

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

The recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India – where the death count is now close to 200, including tourists from around the world – indicate the fear and intimidation parts of the world feel toward foreign travelers. However, we should not let that stand in the way of traveling and enjoying cultures abroad. Though immersing yourself in an unfamiliar culture can be uncomfortable and, at times, scary, it is a growing experience that will expand your world view, as

well as your tolerance and appreciation for other cultures. For students who will be traveling in other countries over winter break or even studying and living abroad in the spring semester, it might seem easy to stay in comfortable, tourist situations, but instead, go ahead with any plans you might have had to check out the local flavor. However, keep in mind that it is important to be safe while traveling in foreign countries. Always use the buddy system and do background checks on hostels and resorts that you choose to stay in. Many travel and book-

ing Web sites provide background information on these places and can give you a much better idea of what to expect. Also, be sure to be especially cautious at nighttime and stay inside while it's dark. Daytime traveling is always the better option when it comes to seeing and experiencing new things, as well as staying safe. Also, be respectful of foreign cultures while abroad. Don't let the Mumbai attacks skew your opinion of Middle-Eastern cultures and avoid lumping all foreigners into the "terrorist" category. Just remember to enjoy yourself and be safe.

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Chipping in

Junior develops into leader for the nationally-ranked Wildcats

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Kelsey Chipman's life has always revolved around sports.

Whether it took place on the volleyball court or the basketball court, the Topeka native often could be seen honing her athletic skills throughout her childhood.

"I think [my parents] just really tried to get me in early with sports," said Chipman, junior middle blocker on the K-State volleyball team. "I played pretty much every kind of sport. That's just something that they wanted me to get interested in at a young age."

Chipman's athletic lifestyle continued during her four years at Washburn Rural High School, where she flourished as a two-sport standout.

However, after being named to the all-city basketball and volleyball teams in her sophomore and junior seasons, she decided to hang up her basketball shoes and turn her attention to the net.

"She didn't go out for basketball her senior year because she wanted to focus on volleyball," said Kevin Bordewick, Chipman's high school volleyball coach.

Bob Chipman, Kelsey's father and the Washburn University men's basketball coach, said she had been nursing an injury, and their family thought a break would help her in the long run.

"She had chipped a bone in her elbow during the summer before her senior year," he said. "Doctors were telling her to lay off, but she played the high school season with the injury and then decided not to go out for basketball. I'm so glad she had a little break there for a couple of months where she could just be a student."

Bordewick, who has coached at Washburn Rural for 14 seasons, said Chipman was a major factor in the school's

success during her tenure.

"She's been on two of the best teams that Washburn Rural has ever had," he said. "She was extremely hard working and a great leader for us. I just can't say enough good things about her."

That hard work paid off, as Chipman began to receive scholarship offers from schools across the nation.

"[I talked to] Purdue and quite a few Big 12 schools, but I knew I wanted to play in Kansas," said Chipman. "It basically came down to K-State and Purdue."

She got her wish, as her dominant play caught the attention of Wildcat head coach Suzie Fritz.

"We watched her quite a bit as a sophomore, but it really wasn't until her junior year where we felt like she started to really emerge into a player who could play at this level," said Fritz. "It happened very quickly. All of the sudden, the light came on for her, and she had a breakthrough as a player."

Three years later, Chipman has developed into a leader for the nationally ranked Wildcats — she ranks near the top of the roster in blocks and kills per game — but despite her dominance in recent years, she was a late bloomer on the volleyball court.

"She started at about age seven and wasn't successful, so she gave it up for a few years," said her father. "She picked up again when she was about 10, but she still struggled."

He jokingly said that an act of bribery might have led to his daughter's increase in skill.

"It was her seventh-grade year and she still couldn't hit an overhead serve," he said. "I told her that the day she got a Division I scholarship, I would buy her a Corvette. Believe it or not, she was jump serving by the end of the season."

"Luckily, I was able to talk her out of that deal later on."

Corvette or not, Fritz thinks



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Kelsey Chipman, KSU middle blocker, spikes the ball in a game against Oklahoma on Nov. 5. The Cats won 3-1. Chipman has been playing volleyball since the age of seven and before K-State, played for Washburn Rural in Topeka.

Chipman has improved drastically. The eighth-year coach said she continues to see improvement at the collegiate level and hopes Chipman's

skills will keep getting better.

"She's a much better attacker and a significantly better blocker," said Fritz. "When she came to us, her ball-con-

trol skills were medium at best, so I think she's improved immensely. Hopefully, she'll continue to improve in the future as well."

K-State runner uses goals to reach national-level competition

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Junior **Beverly Ramos** competes in the NCAA Championships on Nov. 24. She finished 55th out of 252 runners. Ramos is now gearing up for the indoor and outdoor track seasons.

Beverly Ramos is a junior distance runner from Puerto Rico. Ramos competed more than a week ago at the NCAA Cross Country Nationals, finishing 55th out of a 252-person field. Ramos recently answered questions about why she decided to attend K-State, her success in indoor and outdoor track and what she likes to do in her free time.

Q. What made you decide to start running distance?

A. I started running when I was nine, and I was pretty much doing all the events with all the kids. My first coach told me I had talent in distance, so that's when I decided to do distance.

Q. What made you decide to come to K-State?

A. There was a Puerto Rican here that contacted me, and she told me about K-State and the opportunity to come here. She pretty much gave me all the information, and I thought about it for about a month or two, and I decided I wanted to try and come to the United States.

Q. How did it feel to qualify for Nation-

als in Cross Country?

A. That was great. I mean, that's what I wanted more than anything else. I got pretty much all my goals. I wanted to finish in the top eight in the Big 12 — I was fourth. I wanted to finish top eight in regionals — I was sixth. I wanted to qualify for nationals — and that's what I did. It was tough competition, but it was a great experience.

Q. Were you pleased with your performance at nationals?

A. Not really. I didn't feel quite the way I wanted to. I felt pretty tired. I couldn't recover from regionals. I'm not disappointed about my time — it was a great time. The weather was windy and cold, but I thought I could've finished in the top 40.

Q. Going into the indoor track season, what are your expectations coming off of a 10th-place finish last year in the Conference Championships in the mile run?

A. I think it's going to be a good year for me, and now I can see how hard you have to work to keep improving and be consistent. I want to run faster in the mile and get closer to 4:40. Right now I'm running around a 4:44 mile. I'm just going to try

and qualify automatically for the NCAA Championships and help score points for K-State.

Q. In addition to running cross country and indoor track, you were an All-American in the 3,000-meter steeplechase last season. How did that feel?

A. You know, my freshman year I qualified automatically for nationals after placing fourth in my region, and when I made it to nationals, I got 25th, and that's when I knew I wanted to be at nationals every year and be in the final race.

Q. When you're running, what do you think about?

A. I think about how I feel, and I pay attention to my body more than anything. I think about how fast I am going, am I actually running the pace I'm supposed to, and if you have someone in front of you, I think about how far can she actually go before I can't catch her.

Q. Outside of school and sports, what do you like to do in your free time?

A. I don't have that much free time. Usually I like to watch movies with my roommate, Emily Dittmore. That's pretty much what I do. I'm usually too busy with school to do anything else.

Men's basketball team needs non-conference wins to make NCAA tournament



JON
GARTEN

It's time for K-State to step up.

The Wildcats lost to Kentucky and Iowa at the Las Vegas Invitational Tournament and are running out of opportunities to get a marquee non-conference win. Sunday's game against Oregon is a must win, if K-State wants to make it to the NCAA Tournament.

The non-conference portion of the

schedule is important, because those games become the difference when the NCAA Tournament selection committee chooses between bubble teams.

In the past, K-State has paid for an unimpressive non-conference résumé.

Two years ago, the Wildcats were blown out by New Mexico and California and only had one impressive, non-conference win over Southern California. They missed the NCAA Tournament.

Last season, K-State had another unimpressive non-conference, losing to George Mason, Oregon, Notre Dame and Xavier. That team, which beat Central Florida, Rider and California, barely managed to get a No. 11 seed in the tournament.

If your team hasn't beaten at least a few quality opponents, Selection Sunday can be a very stressful day. The Wildcats are running out of chances to impress the selection committee.

K-State only has two respectable opponents, Oregon and Southern Mississippi, left on its non-conference schedule. Right now, the only quality win the Wildcats have is a road win against Cleveland State.

That won't be enough to impress the selection committee.

A big part of the Wildcats' problem is a soft non-conference schedule. K-State only scheduled three teams from major conferences.

The Wildcats have basically dug themselves a hole. If they can't win every one of their remaining non-conference games, making the NCAA Tournament will be a long shot.

The Wildcats had two golden opportunities while in Vegas. They lost to Kentucky, 74-72, Friday before losing to Iowa, 65-63, Saturday.

Winning either of those games, especially the one against a very talented Kentucky

squad, would have helped validate K-State as a tournament worthy team.

A victory over Oregon will be tough. The Ducks are 3-3 and desperate for a victory.

Unlike K-State, the Ducks have played a very tough non-conference schedule. They've lost to No. 1 North Carolina, 98-69, and No. 6 Texas, 70-57.

The fact that the game is at Oregon doesn't help matters for K-State either. The Ducks only lost three home games, all against Pac-10 opponents, last season.

If the Wildcats can beat Oregon on the road and then Southern Mississippi at the Sprint Center at Kansas City, they'll have a good shot at making the NCAA Tournament. If they can't, they'll be lucky to make the NIT.

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WORLD NEWS



DEMONSTRATORS END OCCUPATION WITH REMOVAL OF PRIME MINISTER

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Anti-government demonstrators in Thailand declared victory Tuesday and said they will end their occupation of the country's two main airports after a court decision forced the country's prime minister from office.

While an estimated 300,000 travelers stranded by last week's airport takeovers breathed a bit easier, the question of who will hold power in a democratic Thailand remained unanswered.

The protesters – who seek to eliminate the one-person, one-vote system – left open the possibility of more unrest saying they will return to the streets if political change does not occur.

At least six people have been killed and scores injured in clashes in recent months.

Also unclear was the extent of damage the weeklong airport blockade inflicted on the country's economy, which relies heavily on tourism.

But none of that seemed to matter Tuesday as members of the People's Alliance for Democracy, which led the protest, reveled at the fall of Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat.

"We will party all night long before leaving tomorrow," said Saisuri Pantupradij, a 45-year-old woman who camped out at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi international airport. "It's sad to say goodbye, but our job here is done. So we must go home."

TAPS TURNED OFF IN ZIMBABWE DUE TO LACK OF CHEMICALS

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - As children played near cesspools, their parents shook their heads at a public service announcement drifting over the radio Tuesday: It urged people to boil water before drinking it.

It sounded like a taunt in a country where water and electricity are cut off far more than they are on.

Authorities turned off the taps in Zimbabwe's capital again this week because they had run out of purifying chemicals – even as a cholera epidemic threatened the country, claiming hundreds of lives since August.

The crisis is the latest chapter in the collapse of this once-vibrant nation. President Robert Mugabe, who has ruled for 28 years, has refused to leave office following disputed elections in March. And a power-sharing deal worked out with the opposition has been deadlocked for weeks over how to divvy up Cabinet posts.

In the township of Mabvuku, where residents have dug shallow wells in open ground, people say they know not boiling the water can make them sick, but they have no choice.

There is no electricity, and wood, charcoal or other fuel to build fires is scarce and so expensive it is out of reach for most people.

"We are afraid, but there is no solution. Most of the time the electricity is not available so we just use the water," one resident, Naison Chakwicha, told AP Television News.

UN CONCERNED WITH TREATMENT OF DETAINEES IN IRAQ

BAGHDAD (AP) - The United Nations expressed concern Tuesday about overcrowding and "grave human rights violations" of detainees in Iraqi custody – in one case, 123 men crammed into a single cell.

The warning comes as the U.S. prepares to turn over control to the Iraqis of thousands of security detainees in its custody under a new security pact that would end the U.S. mission here by 2012. The pact, approved last week by Iraq's parliament, calls for American forces to transfer all detainees believed to be a major threat and to release the rest "in a safe and orderly manner."

But as overall violence declines in the country, the U.N.'s 13th report on the human rights situation in Iraq casts

doubt on whether the Iraqis will be ready to take custody of more detainees properly.

"There is no secret that the (Iraqi) prisons are overcrowded and frankly not in very good condition," U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura said at a news conference where the report was released.

He cited one recent example of a detention facility in which 123 detainees were crammed into a 540-square-foot cell – about the size of a studio apartment. "That's obviously something that cannot be sustained," he said.

Reports of widespread mistreatment and torture of detainees also continue and need more thorough investigation, he said, adding that none has been prosecuted.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS END TRAINING EXERCISES IN VENEZUELA

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - Russian warships have ended training exercises with Venezuela's navy in Moscow's first such Caribbean deployment since the Cold War.

Russian television on Tuesday showed images of a Venezuelan-operated Sukhoi fighter jet swooping low over Russian warships in a simulated air attack.

The exercises that ended late Monday with a fireworks display included an air defense exercise and joint actions to spot, pursue and detain an intruding vessel, Russian navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo said.

The Russian ships arrived in Venezuela last week in an operation widely seen as a show of Kremlin anger over the U.S. decision to deliver aid to Georgia aboard warships following that country's conflict with Russia.

President Hugo Chavez has said the naval exercises weren't meant as a provocation to the United States or any other nation.

He has praised Russia for raising its profile in the Americas, while saying the U.S. Navy's recently reactivated Fourth

Fleet poses a threat to Venezuela.

U.S. officials says the Fourth Fleet, which was dissolved after World War II, will help maintain security in the Caribbean and Latin America while performing humanitarian missions and counter-drug operations.

CROWD OF THOUSANDS MOURNS SIX ISRAELIS KILLED IN MUMBAI

KFAR CHABAD, Israel (AP) - Thousands of grief-stricken Orthodox Jews prayed and wept Tuesday before the shrouded bodies of Israelis killed in Mumbai, joining the national mourning in a ceremony broadcast on TV and attended by Israeli leaders.

The six died when gunmen on a deadly three-day rampage through the Indian city struck Chabad House, the Mumbai headquarters of the Jewish Chabad-Lubavitch movement, last Wednesday. Six Israelis were among the 172 dead.

A crowd gathered at Kfar Chabad, the movement's Israel headquarters, to mourn Rabbi Gavriel Noach Holtzberg, 29, and his 28-year-old wife, Rivka. The two were outreach envoys dispatched to Mumbai as part of the movement's attempt to bring its brand of Judaism to Jews across the world, running an open house aimed mainly at Jewish travelers and merchants.

The couple left a 2-year-old son, Moshe, who was rescued by his Indian nanny. Rivka was six months pregnant when she was killed, a Chabad spokesman, Avraham Berkowitz, said Tuesday.

The crowd of thousands at their funeral included Israel's president, Shimon Peres, the country's chief rabbis and other top government officials.

"We will answer the terrorists," Moshe Kotlarsky, a Chabad rabbi from New York, vowed, his voice shaking, naming his weapon – the teachings of God.

He pledged to rebuild the Mumbai center and name it after the Holtzbergs. Chabad operates thousands such outreach centers around the world.

Camp Cope offered to help military children and spouses

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Camp Cope, a program for spouses and children of deployed and wounded soldiers, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Fort Riley Middle School.

"Camp Cope, which stands for Courage, Optimism, Patience and Encouragement, is a day camp designed to help military children cope with the effects of war, deployments and the sacrifice they are asked to make every day," Elizabeth Reep, Camp Cope co-founder, said.

The day will be full of activities and there is no cost for children to attend the camp, Reep said. Registration can be downloaded from the site and faxed or e-mailed to Camp

Cope.

The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Friday. Camp Cope founders Reep and Sarah Bravo, along with other trained counselors will run the day camp. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and a breakfast will be provided for those enrolled.

"I did something similar called Camp Purple in Garmisch, Germany. It was definitely beneficial to have programs and activities to do," John Swanson, freshman in political science, said. "Meeting other people in the same situation as you were helped to take your mind off things too."

"Some kids try to take on so much when a parent is deployed, and the program helped them realize that they don't have to take it all on their shoulders."

Swanson's father was an aviator serving a tour in Af-

ghanistan when he attended the camp.

More than 165 families in the Fort Riley area have expressed interest in Camp Cope, and the program has had much support from the local community as well. Children are provided age-appropriate, play-activity interventions in small groups of their peers who have had similar experiences.

"The interventions are both direct and indirect, according to their comfort level, and are tailored to help them cope better emotionally," public affairs official Eric Zenk said in a press release.

For more information, contact the public affairs office of Fort Riley at 785-239-3410. To register, go to campcope.org.

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Controversial cure

Local doctors disagree on effectiveness of 'natural' treatments on any ailment

By **Tiffany Roney**
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Lying face down on a padded table, you feel the doctor's hands twisting your spine into a strange position. Pop. Snap. Is this supposed to be good for you?

Chiropractors use drugless, nonsurgical treatments to diagnose and treat patients with health problems of the musculoskeletal system, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Web site.

Garrett Roop, chiropractor and owner of Roop Chiropractic in Manhattan, said modern-day misconceptions toward chiropractic work are mostly rooted in the 1970s, when chiropractic business split from primary medicine.

"The [American Medical Association] made lies about chiropractic, and chiropractic as a whole sued the AMA," he said. "So the older generation has a harder time with chiropractic, because they were told how bad it was."

Jarrod Nichols, chiropractor and owner of Nichols Chiropractic in Manhattan, said many young people are intimidated by chiropractic treatments because they think it's only appropriate for adults.

"We treat patients from 2 weeks old to 95 years old," he said. "We get the full spectrum."

Kristine Springer, chiropractor at Alternative Healthcare in Manhattan, said she has treated many younger patients. She had an unusual experience with a 5-year-old boy, scheduled for back surgery.

"He was actually doubled over at the waist," she said, standing at a 90-degree angle to illustrate. "I adjusted him the first time and he stood about 45 degrees. When he came in the second time, he came running down the hall."

"It's very rewarding when you see things like that," Nichols said not only is it rewarding to see patients' physical changes with adjustments, but also the positive changes in their demeanors.

"I never expected to see the changes in enthusiasm that somebody goes through after they've been in pain for five, 10, 15 years," he said. "Once they're pain-free, it's pretty incredible to see what kind of person they really are."

Nichols, Springer and Roop all said college students make up 25 percent of their patients. Roop said the No. 1 chiropractic problem he sees in college students is anterior head carriage from hours of studying.

"It's where your head kind of sits forward," he said. "It takes a lot more muscles to hold the head up if you're slouching with your head forward."

Roop also said college students might benefit from chiropractic treatment for sports injuries.

"We have a lot of students that might not be real active and then they go to the [Peters Recreation Complex] and injure themselves," he said. "It brings in scar tissue, which can reduce your range of motion or even cause pain."

Springer said some of college students' aches and pains are work-related, depending on students' jobs outside of school.

"A lot of times, they are waitressing and carrying heavy trays, so they have back problems," she said.

However, not everyone is supportive of all chiropractic treatment. Ryan Knopp, family physician in Manhattan, said he has a mixed opinion.

"I'll refer patients to chiropractors for back or neck pain, and I think that's reasonable," he said. "But if a chiropractor purports to be able to cure your ear infection or something with an adjustment – that I don't know."

But Springer said she uses chiropractic and acupuncture methods to treat a variety of illnesses.

"I believe chiropractic can treat anything," she said. "We use acupuncture to treat colds, flu, infertility. Just pretty much everything from head to toe."

Springer said though some patients do have minor pain after visits, she has received no big complaints.

Kristy Riegler, junior in animal science, said she finds chiropractic work well worth the money. She has been to various chiropractors for basketball injuries.

"A lot of people say chiropractors have patients keep coming back over and over," she said. "But they're not all like that. A lot of them just fix your problems."

Roop said some patients make extra appointments instead of doing the prescribed exercises at home.

"I tell them, 'It's more expensive for you to keep coming in here,'" he said with a laugh. "If you did it at home it would help you out."

"Maybe that's what's made it harder for us to grow. If I was more aggressive in treatments, we'd probably be doing a lot better, but I think I'd be doing a disservice to the community."

Nichols said he sees a bright future for the chiropractic business.

"We're seeing a trend toward alternative health care," he said. "It goes along with going green. People want something more natural."

And as for those who are suffering with an ailment, Roop suggested they check out chiropractic treatment as soon as they can.

"My advice is, don't wait too long if you've got an injury," Roop said. "Motion is life."

Chiropractor finds his calling in high school sports injury



By **Corene Brisendine**
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At the beginning of his senior year, Garrett Roop suffered an injury that would change his life forever.

After finishing up an early-season football practice, a teammate playfully jumped on his back. The 5-foot, 8-inch Roop, who had a lean and muscular build, could not take the pressure of a towering lineman tackling him from behind.

"I felt a shock of pain shoot through my back," Roop said, remembering the moment. "I thought it would go away because I was too stubborn to quit playing."

The pain led to back surgery at the end of basketball season three months later. Not wanting to give up his sports dreams, Roop's path to becoming a chiropractor would not start until his fourth year at K-State.

After graduating from high school, Roop decided to attend Neosho County Community College. There, he joined the soccer team but continued to suffer pain from the back injury.

"After the first game, I went and talked to the coach," Roop said. "I told him, 'I'm going to try and stick it out.' The pain was really intense, but I played every single game."

At the end of the year, Roop decided to transfer to K-State and pursue a degree in marketing. After three years working toward his degree, he decided to take a new path. He said he had several college friends who were marketing graduates and struggling to find work.

"My friends weren't getting jobs, and the market was going down," he said. "I decided I didn't want to graduate just yet."

While riding back from Colorado where he spent his Christmas break working for a ski resort, he decided to go to chiropractic school in Kansas City, Kan.

Roop said the idea of chiropractic school piqued his interest because of his injury and because of his father's struggle with a rare illness, familial visceral myopathy. In high school, Roop moved

in with his aunt and uncle because of the illness. His father has had more than 25 major surgeries because of the disease that renders his intestines useless.

Only 20 hours short of a marketing degree, Roop moved to Kansas City and began his chiropractic education. During his three-and-a-half years in college, Roop married his wife Helen – whom he met while attending K-State – bought a house and started raising his daughter. After graduating, Roop wanted to remain close to family. His parents lived in Garden City, Kan., at the time, and his wife's family lived in Kansas City.

"I said to Helen, 'The only city in Kansas I would live in is Manhattan,'" Roop said. "Her ears perked up, and she thought it was a good idea."

The new family moved back to Manhattan in 2007 and opened Aligned Roop Chiropractic. Because of Roop's injury, he wanted to work with athletes.

"I understand where they are coming from," he said. "Maybe they don't want to quit playing – telling an athlete to stop is hard to do."

Roop said in high school a neurosurgeon told Roop he didn't want to see him because he wasn't taking the injury seriously enough.

"At the time I said he didn't know what it was to be an athlete, but looking back now, I think he was right," Roop said.

Roop said he likes working with athletes because they follow doctor's orders. Athletes are committed to training, and recovering from an injury requires the same dedication. They do exercises, whereas compliance with other patients is usually low, he said.

Though Roop wanted to work with athletes, he filled a void left by other local chiropractors by treating accident victims. He said some chiropractors do not like the paperwork involved, but some of these people are not receiving any treatment.

Filling out paperwork, Roop said, is better than knowing injured people are not receiving help.



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An example of what a side posture lumbar adjustment looks like using a fake spine. This is done with the patient laying on their side.

STUDY ABROAD LOG

Student takes on the market for German Christmas celebration



MOLLY SANDERS

Last week, my best friend, Tonette Freeman, sophomore in anthropology, came to visit me in Germany.

It was so exciting to be able to make a joke that someone understood – let's just say it's not easy to integrate sarcasm into a German conversation. I like to think it's be-

cause my charm and wit are so original that they are misunderstood by the Germans, but I have a feeling that's not the case.

It was the perfect week for Tonette to come to Germany. Apparently, it was the perfect week for everyone to come to Germany. And everyone did. For what, you ask? For the deutsche Weihnachtsmärkte, of course.

Christmas popped into Germany last Wednesday, and my guess is that about half of Europe swarmed into Deutschland.

I was on the train last week with about 40 60-plus-year-old women coming from Ireland to visit the Christmas market in Heidelberg, where I live.

They were nice women – perky, excited, talkative. To be honest, I owe a lot to those women. I was really tired because I had done so much traveling that week, so I was out about three minutes into the train ride.

One stop before I was supposed to get off, I was suddenly awakened by probably 30 of the 40 women yelling, "Sheryl!"

Sheryl! This isn't our stop! SHERYL! NO! Not here Sheryl! Sheryl, come talk to this man over here. He knows where we need to be."

Thanks to their yelling, I was awake enough to get off at my stop. I saw Sheryl and her Irish friends later that day buying large, edible hearts with original and heart-felt messages on them like, "Ich liebe dich," and "Frohe Weihnachten."

Most of the items you can buy at the Christmas markets are more like collector's items or something you would see on a dusty shelf in your grandma's house than something I would personally give as a gift.

But nevertheless, I've visited the market almost every day. Why? Glühwein. Glühwein could possibly be the tastiest Christmas drink ever. It's a sweet, red wine with sugar, fruits and Christmas spices like ginger, nutmeg and cinnamon, and it's served hot and goes right to your head. It's a great follow-up to an authentic German bratwurst. Not only will you feel fat and

smell like onions, but you can also be sure that no one around you – at least, no one drinking Glühwein – is aware of it.

These Christmas markets are also a great way for kids to make a little money during the holidays. Tourists, or people who consume a lot of Glühwein, think the children playing recorders and clarinets on street corners are really cute and need money.

Most of their little money hats were overflowing with bills. I think I could have paid for next semester's tuition if I would have stolen someone's earnings. I felt a bit sorry for the flame-throwing guy down the street, but sometimes you just can't compete.

Old women, wine and woodwinds: three definite signs that Christmas has arrived in Germany.

Molly Sanders is a sophomore in English. Please send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.

DANCE | K-State students put time into WinterDance for months

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choreography from our dance professors. There's also one piece in the first act called 'Jazz Shorts,' which is a suite of student work. They had to have their pieces reviewed by the faculty to get them in and they were successful with that."

Dunn, who is featured as a musician in one of the selections, said everyone involved has committed a good portion of their semester to the production.

"We've been working on it since September," he said. "Auditions were Sept. 6, so that's when casting was done. Rehearsals started pretty much the next week. Some of the dancers are in as many as four pieces, which means up to eight rehearsals a week. That's a huge time commitment."

Rachel Witham, senior in psychology, agreed

with Dunn and said the workload has increased in recent weeks.

"[We started working] pretty close to when the semester started," she said. "We've been rehearsing once or twice a week per dance, and then we had rehearsal every night this week. It's always a lot of fun."



Natalie Tarbutton, junior in life sciences, picks away imaginary bugs in rehearsal for the dance "A Happening in a Town," choreographed by Maurice Fraga, K-State guest artist, for part of WinterDance.

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Professors discuss psychology behind anonymous posts; sites allow people to be malicious and unknown

By Joel Aschbrenner
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If you find your name and telephone number followed by “call for a good time” etched into a bathroom stall, at least only those who happen upon that stall will read it.

Today, people do not have the same luxury, however, as anonymous postings once scratched on bathroom walls, carved on park benches and inked on classroom desks have moved online.

Message boards, online forums and blogs are replacing the more rudimentary forms of anonymous communication and creating an appealing way for people to express their thoughts and opinions.

“There is a certain distance between people online, so it is possible to hide your identity,” said Michael Wesch, sociology professor. “On the other hand, it is a very public space, so it allows you to be completely hidden yet in total public.

“It is a unique thing that is hard to do in real life.”

HOSTILITY AND BIGOTRY ONLINE

While online anonymity has allowed people to communicate more candidly, it also has inspired more malicious behavior.

“You get complete hatred – like unabashed hatred – and people saying horrible things,” Wesch said. “The other side is you sometimes see people caring for people and expressing love for people they wouldn’t feel comfortable doing in public.”

JuicyCampus.com, a relatively new Web site, is becoming a popular way for students to express thoughts and opinions without giving up their identities. The site, launched in August 2007, already has forums for 500 campuses.

Students can post whatever information they want on the site completely anonymously.

On K-State’s JuicyCampus forum, like most others colleges’, the topics often single out specific students, greek houses or organizations.

Chris Swope, junior in accounting, said he has seen his name on JuicyCampus several times.

“It’s scary knowing anybody can write whatever they want, whether it’s true or not, and you might never find out who wrote it,” Swope said. “Keeping the site anonymous really brings out the worst in people.”

As the site has grown, so has its opposition as several schools have attempted to ban the site. Tennessee State University became the first public school to ban the site, blocking it on all computers using the school’s Internet services.

Wesch said he thinks people post such comments on sites like JuicyCampus because they are looking for attention.

“There a certain aspect of wanting to be noticed and to confirm your existence in a way,” he said. “That screen is very distancing, and if you can create a reac-



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tion from somebody, it makes you feel a connection, even it’s a bad connection.”

Richard Harris, psychology professor, said it is not surprising to see people act maliciously when they can be anonymous.

Stanley Milgram’s “Obedience” series – famous psychological studies from the 1960s – showed people were more willing to hurt a test subject if they had less of a connection with that person, Harris said. He said this same principle explains why people act more maliciously when they have anonymity.

“Anything that makes it more personal is going to make it less likely for someone to behave in a mean sort of way,” Harris said.

DEALING WITH ONLINE POSTINGS

For some, message boards and forums are fun to read until their name appears with a demeaning comment. Students must decide how to respond.

Tom Gould, mass communications professor, said he sees anonymous postings about himself on TEVALS and Web sites like *ratemyprofessor.com*.

“It seems to me that if you don’t have the wherewithal to actually sign a real name, then it pretty much doesn’t matter,” he said. “Anyone who pays attention to anonymous postings has way too much time on their hands. To me, they are of no particular interest or value.”

Even if students want people to stop writing about them online, Gould said they cannot do much.

“We have the right to free speech, so there is nothing you can do to stop somebody from posting whatever they want online, with some reasonable constraints,” Gould said. “Obviously if someone says something really rotten about you, it feels bad, but if they haven’t signed their name to it, who really cares?”

Harris also said he thinks people should ignore anonymous postings about themselves.

“You can’t respond to everything that is out there about you, and sometimes when you do respond it increases attention to it, and that is the opposite of what you want,” he said.

HOW ANONYMOUS IS ANONYMOUS?

While sites like JuicyCampus advertise 100-percent anonymity, it is hard to be completely anonymous on the Internet.

“If you say something about someone online, and you think that you’re anonymous and you can’t be tracked, that is just not true,” Gould said. “You can be tracked down; your IP address can be tracked down.”

According to JuicyCampus’ privacy policy, for example, users’ Inter Protocol address, browser type, Internet service provider, referring/exit pages, operating

system, date/time stamp and clickstream data are recorded to track users’ demographics and movements on the site.

“In the end, most of what we do is trackable,” Wesch said. “There’s a constant race for people to be anonymous.”

IMPORTANCE OF ANONYMITY

While online anonymity has created a medium for malicious gossip, it also plays an important role in our society.

“Even since the days of our founding fathers, there have been people talking about the importance of being anonymous,” Wesch said. “Revolutionary acts, sometimes, require anonymity.”

Wesch is studying an online movement called “Anonymous” in which people meet anonymously online and participate in activities like planning protests.

The group gained notoriety when it launched a mass protest against the church of Scientology, demonstrating in the Guy Fawkes masks made famous by the movie “V for Vendetta.”

Wesch said “Anonymous” shows how important the ability to stay anonymous can be.

“It’s important to mention the importance of anonymity to a functioning government,” Wesch said. “It’s possible to imagine a situation when people are afraid to speak out, and at that point, I think, we need to have the option to be anonymous.”

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